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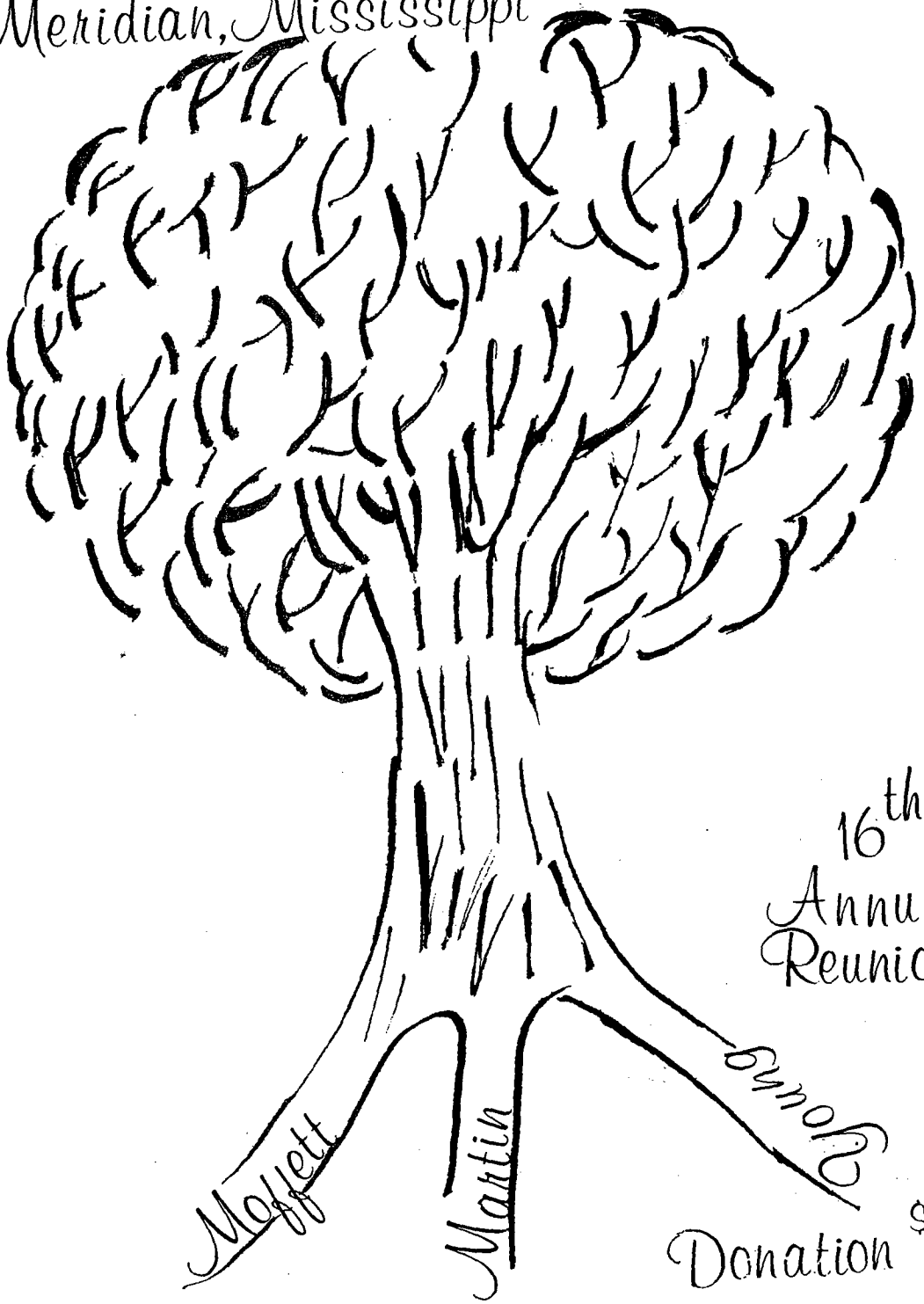
Meridian, Mississippi



16th Annual Reunion

Donation $1.00

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Jimmy Kemp
Mayor

Post Office Box 1430
Meridian, Mississippi 39302-1430

the City of MERIDIAN

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Hobert Kornegay, Ward 4
Howard Williams, Ward 5

July 18, 1987

Members of the Moffett, Martin and Young Families:

Welcome to Meridian. We are indeed pleased to have you here as you renew family ties and have the opportunity to enjoy our community.

Meridian has something to offer everyone. You will enjoy visiting Highland Park, the site of the Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Museum and our turn of the century Carousel. The Meridian Museum of Art, the magnificent Temple Theatre, beautiful antebellum Merrehope, Dunn's Falls Park, Lake Okatibbee as well as other areas of interest will also provide for an exciting stay in our community.

We are also very pleased to be the home of the Meridian Naval Air station. Further, we proudly boast of being the hometown of Susan Akin, Miss America of 1986.

Meridian is an outstanding place to live or visit!

When we can be of help, an invitation is always open for you to visit us at City Hall.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Kemp
Mayor

The Chamber

July 7, 1987

Mrs. Kresses Holloway
1007 36th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39305

Dear Mrs. Holloway:

The Greater Meridian Chamber of Commerce extends a cordial welcome to you and members of the Moffett, Martin, Young Reunion. You are to be commended for bringing such a large delegation of people to Meridian. We are proud of our community, and citizens like you give us reason to be.

If for any reason your group needs assistance from the Chamber during their stay, please call on our staff.

Yours truly,

Tom Maynor
President

JG/jb

FIFTEEN YEARS
ACCREDITED
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Surely, everyone attending this reunion will discover his and her roots and be proud of their heritage. Hopefully, you will make a record of all of your deliberations and photograph everyone - elect an historian and continue to have annual meetings, reporting what achievements all of you have made in the past 12 months: who got married, who had offsprings and who expired.

List all accomplishments and plan to meet here in Meridian.

We grant to you city amenities and have a great time.

Sincerely,

Hobert Korneday, DDS.

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City Councilman, Ward IV

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
MERIDIAN BRANCH
3709-Newell Road
Meridian, Mississippi 39301
Phone 601 - 483-4919
OBIE CLARK, President
July 7, 1987

To: The Moffett, Martin, and Young families:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Meridian Branch of the NAACP, I take pleasure in welcoming you to the city of Meridian and congratulate you on the occasion of your family reunion.

The NAACP recognizes that the strength and survival of a community, state, or nation starts with the family unit. Certainly, the stability and strength of your respective families contribute to the survival of the community and hence, the nation.

Again, it is our sincere hope that as the members of your families renew acquaintances, and recall the good times of childhood, you will strenghten the bond of kinship and friendship thereby perpetuating the things you all cherish most: love and devotion.

Best wishes for a great time.

Sincerely,

Obie Clark

Obie Clark, President
Meridian Branch of NAACP

MOFFETT, MARTIN, YOUNG FAMILY REUNION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1987

PRELUDE	
MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES	Annie Mable Wilson Gulfport, MS
SONG:	"What A Fellowship"
PRAYER & SCRIPTURE	Rev. John L Martin Brooklyn NY
WELCOME TO CHURCH	Rev. Dock Everett Pastor
WELCOME	Charles Young State Representative Meridian MS
FAMILY HISTORY	Mrs Kresses Holloway Meridian MS
SONG:	"We Have Come This Far By Faith"
INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY MEMBERS BY PROFESSION	
CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY (Soft Music)	Evangelist Lillie Kate Brown
REMARKS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	

Refreshments served in dining area after program

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE
LEAN-ING ON THE EVER LASTING ARM
WHAT A BLESSEDNESS, WHAT A PEACE IS MINE
LEAN-ING ON THE EVER LASTING ARM

OH, HOW SWEET TO WALK - IN THIS PILGRIM WAY
LEAN-ING ON THE EVER LASTING ARM
OH, HOW BRIGHT THE PATH GROWS FROM DAY TO DAY
LEAN-ING, ON THE EVER LASTING ARM

Chorus

LEAN-ING, LEAN-ING, LEAN-ING,

SAFE AND SECURE FROM ALL ALARM

LEAN-ING, LEAN-ING, LEAN-ING ON THE EVER LASTING ARM

WE HAVE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

WE HAVE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEAN-ING ON THE LORD
TRUST-ING IN HIS HO-LY WORD, HE NEVER FAILED ME YET,
OH, OH, OH, CAN'T TURN AROUND
WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH.

DON'T BE DISCOURAGED, BY TROU-BLE IN YOUR LIFE,
HE'LL HEAR YOUR BUR-DENS AND MOVE
ALL MIS-ERY AND STRIFE.

WE HAVE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEAN-ING ON THE LORD
TRUST-ING IN HIS HOLY WORD, HE NEVER FAILED ME YET,
OH, OH, OH, CAN'T TURN AROUND
WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH.

I N M E M O R I A M

(Candlelight Ceremony)

For those families who have lost a member during the year 1986 or 1987, would one member from that family please come forward and light a candle in memory of those loved ones.

Ms Velma Ernestine Young

Ms Kathy Williams

Ms Christine Nichols

*****TOMORROW IS THE PICNIC IN THE PARK*****

EVERYTHING STARTS AT 8 A.M.

ENDS AT 5 P.M.

--DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 2 P.M.--

AT

HIGHLAND PARK

16th Street and 39th Avenue

SHELTER #4

ALSO TODAY, THE YOUNGSTERS CAN RIDE AT THE PARK CAROUSEL

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YOUTH PARTY

TONIGHT

AT

MAGNOLIA TEEN CENTER

8:30 - 11:30

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

WILL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE FOR THE SATURDAY, 10 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING

LOCATION OF MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY

Mellie Burton
Kresses Holloway
Sadie Martin
Charles Holloway
Phillip Nichols
Arnell Reed
Melvie Mines
Roger White
Charles Williams
Milton Williams
Annie Mable Wilson

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Matthew Holloway will be featured with his singing group CUSTOM MADE, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Frank Cochran Center at Highland Park. All family members are invited to attend.

USHERS FOR FRIDAY
AT TABERNACLE

CANDACE GOODEN

MATTHEW HOLLOWAY

GANADA HOLLOWAY

LATONYA HOLLOWAY

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REGISTRATION AT PARK

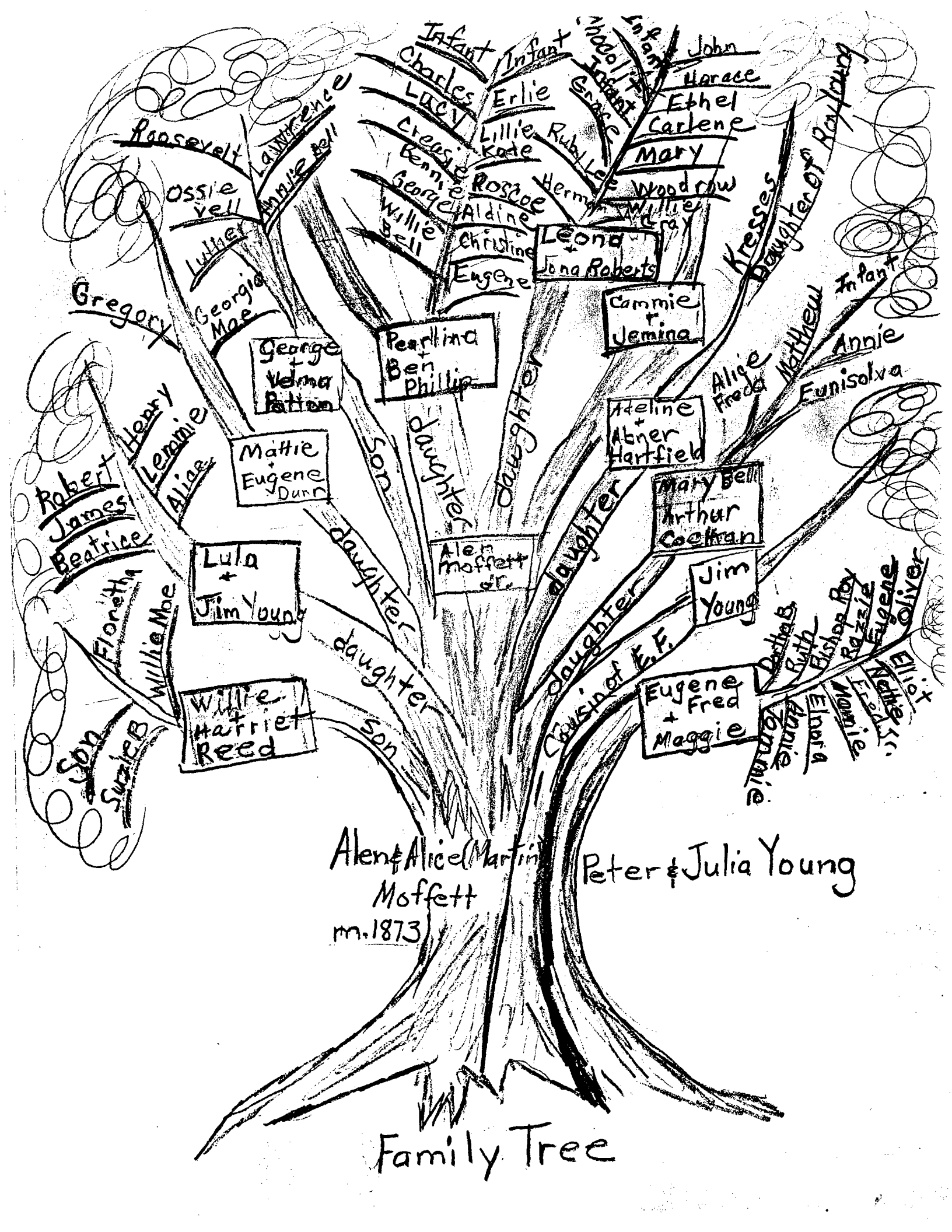
CANDACE GOODEN

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED

TO HELP AT THE REGISTRATION DESK

AS WELL AS

SERVING THE ELDERLY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Horace
Ethel
Carlene
Mary
Woodrow
Willie
Gray
Charles
Lucy
Erlie
Lillie
Kate
Ruby Lee
Grace
Roosevelt
Lawrence
Annie Bell
Ossie
Vell
Luther
Georgia Mae
Gregory
Bennie
Roscoe
Aldine
Christine
Eugene
Willie Bell
George
Leona
Jona Roberts
Cammie
Jemina
Kresses
Daughter of Ray Young
Infant
Annie
Eunisolva
Alice
Freda
Matthew
Pearlina
Ben
Phillip
George
Velma
Patton
Mattie
Eugene
Dunn
Adeline
Abner
Hartfield
Mary Bell
Arthur
Coeltran
Jim
Young
Alen
Moffett
Jr.
Son
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Cousin of E.F.
Son
Son
Robert
James
Beatrice
Henry
Lennie
Alice
Lula
Jim Young
Florentha
Willie Mae
Willie
Harriet
Reed
Suzie B
Eugene
Fred
Maggie
Dorthea B.
Ruth
Bishop Roy
Bazzie
Eugene
Elliot
Nettie
Fred Jr.
Elnora
Minnie
Ronnie
Alen & Alice Martin
Moffett
m. 1873
Peter & Julia Young
Family Tree

MOFFETT, MARTIN, YOUNG FAMILY HISTORY

Alen Moffett, Sr., the eldest son of Lydia Moffett was born in the Clarke County, Quitman area, of African-Indian and Caucasian descendants. He was brought to Lauderdale County, Meridian area, as a slave, with his family. His mother, Lydia, five sisters; Martha, Dinah, Betsy, Della and Harriet, along with one brother, Edd Moffett. Alen was given his freedom at the age of seventeen. He was married to a woman named Quintilla Hill in 1870. Alice, the oldest daughter of Jerry and Adeline Martin, lived with Quintilla and Alen. Adeline's parents were of Caucasian descent, while Jerry's (Pappy) mother was African and his father was Indian. Pappy and Mother Adeline were of the Methodist religion and were among the founders of the Tabernacle Methodist Church where they were members. The Tabernacle United Methodist Church as we know it today remains in the same location.

Quintilla died after a three year marriage to Alen Moffett. He was instructed to wait until the young Alice was old enough to be married, then he could marry her. He waited. This marriage was performed on December 11, 1873, by Rev. Moses Pringle. Alen Moffett and Jerry Martin, Alice's father signed bond. Jerry Martin (Pappy) signed his name with an "X". Alen was able to sign his name.

The record is found in marriage book A-1, page 436, Lauderdale County Courthouse Annex, 2nd Floor, Meridian, MS. To this union of Alen and Alice Moffett was born thirteen children. Nine lived to maturity. All now are deceased.

Alen Moffett was a farmer. He made molasses for the East Central MS and West Alabama area. He skillfully wove white oak baskets, bottomed chairs, and made fish traps. He selected small white oak trees, trimmed, split and shaved them until the strips were smooth and pliable. This art is still crafted by some Indian tribes.

Alen Moffett (Grandpapa) possessed a great sense of humor and was loved and admired by many. He departed this life May 1928. His remains rest on the hill in the Tabernacle Cemetery.

Alice Martin was the oldest daughter of Jerry and Adeline Martin, she had three brothers, George, Emmanuel, and Jerry, and four younger sisters, Mariah, Charlotte, Louisa and Mary.

Alice Martin Moffett was a wife, mother, and homemaker. Cooking, canning, quilting and rearing her beautiful family was a full time occupation.

Jerry Martin has one brother, Edd, and five sisters Martha, Dinah, Betsy, Della, and Harriet.

Willie (Buddy) Moffett, the oldest son, married Harriet Reed, the daughter of Robb Reed and wife. They had four children; Willie Mae, Floreatha, Susie Bea, and one son, (Son). Willie had a second family. I do not know if there are any survivors.

Luvenia (Lula, Sissie), the oldest daughter, married Jim Young, the son of Jemina (Mur) and Pascal Young. They were the parents of six children who live to maturity. Daughters Beatrice Annie Lee William, the senior first cousin in the Moffett family, still survives and blesses our family reunions with her presence. The idea of a family reunion came out of a strong desire of "Bea" and her second brother Lemmie to bring the generations together in fellowship and love.

Mattie Allen Moffett (Sister Mattie), the second daughter, married Eugene Forest Durr, the son of Frank and Betty Durr. To that union two daughters were born, Georgia Mae and Gregory Casanova. Georgia Mae died at an early age. Gregory C. Durr White still graces the reunions with her attendance.

George Moffett, the second son, married Velma Patton, the daughter of Annis (Mur) Warbington. To this marriage five children were born; four boys and one girl. Annie Bell Moffett Nobles (Little Sister), survives and attends family reunions. Deceased brothers, Ozzie Vell (Little Bud), Roosevelt, Luther (Buster), and Lawrence (Lump) deceased.

Pearlena (Pearl), the third daughter, married Ben Phillips, the son of George and Ann Phillips. Fourteen children were the fruits of this union. Willie Bell (Sister), Eugene Forest (Buddy, Sambo), Christine (Chris), Bennie George (Bennie), Aldine (Al), Creasie Mae (Creasie), Roscoe (Brother), Lucy and Lillie Kate (Lillie), Charles B., Erlie B., and two others. Survivors who are able to attend family reunions are; Bennie George, Aldene Brown, Creasie Mae Johnson, Roscoe, Lucy Tillman, and Evangelist Lillie Kate Brown.

Leona (Lee) the fourth daughter married Jonas Roberts, a son of Iloson and Emma Roberts. This marriage produced thirteen children. There are four survivors to attend family reunions in this family; Mary Elner (Nana) Clark, Carlene (Sister) Fleming, Ethel McNeal; one brother, Horace (Fronaman). Deceased are Hermon (Brother), Ruby Lee, Grace, Chocolit (Lit), Willie Gray, John (Neat), Woodrow (Short), and two infants.

Alen Moffett Jr, the youngest son of Alice and Alen had no known descendants.

Cammie Moffett, son of Alen Moffett Sr. and Jemina Alford had no known descendants.

Adeline Moffett Harfield, the fifth daughter of Alice and Alen and mother of one child, a daughter, Kresses Elverta Young Holloway. Kresses is the writer of this partial family history and the daughter of Roy Lee Young.

Mary Bell (Mable), the youngest daughter, married Arthur Gentle Cochran. To this union five children was born. Three survive and attend family reunions. Alice Fredora (Freda) Woods, Eunisolva (Beauty Cake) Carter, one son, Matthew Aaron (Shinie) Cochran, Annie Jessie (Jay) Henry, and one infant deceased.

Jim Young and Eugene Fred (Fed) Young were first cousins and reared almost as brothers. Fred, (E.F.) Young Sr, a son of Peter and Julia Young, married Maggie Harrison. They were the parents of twelve children. There are two survivors, a son, Dortha B (D.B.), daughter, Ruth (Noonie) Chester. Deceased children are Bishop Roy Lee Young (R.L), Sister Annie L. Smith, Sister Mamie Smith (two sisters who married two brothers); Razzie, Eugene, Fred, Jr (Fred), Thomas (Tommie), Nettie Brewster, Elnora (Lenora, Babe) Elliot, and Oliver.

Reverend E.F. Young's family has contributed much to the welfare of humanity. Only time and history will record the deeds of these families.

This Martin, Moffett, Young family history covers documentation of four generations. The remaining family history is yours to continue. I would, however, like each of you to continue to work toward your own family history.

As much as I want to, I cannot say "thank you" to each individual that has made a difference in my life. I thank God, my ancestry, my immediate family, all relatives, friends, those who made this event happen, and posterity. May God's blessings continue on you, the seeds of Abraham.

Kreses Elverta Holloway

*Please excuse any errors you may find in this history, as in any recollections of undocumented works, errors are likely to occur.

BYLAWS FOR MOFFETT, MARTIN, YOUNG FAMILY REUNION

1. We shall always have Catering Service.

2. All Guests should pay at least the lowest fee charged for a famiy member, NEVER less than what a single family member pays.

3. A FINANCIAL REPORT MUST be presented to the REUNION on the day of the REUNION. NO MAILING OF REPORTS WILL BE PERMITTED. The report is to include ALL EXPENSES itemized (Report to be given at mealtime).

4. NO FAMILY MEMBER will ever be denied a chance to eat at the family reunion because of their inability to pay. Special arrangements can and shall be made for those people by the committee in charge for that year (i.e. unemployed and a regular paying member).

5. ALL MONEY shall be kept in ONE TREASURY.

6. ALL MONIES raised through fund raising projects that are connected with the REUNION name shall be put into the reunion treasury. A SEPARATE TREASURY WILL NEVER BE PERMITTED.

7. NO MONEY shall ever be loaned to anyone from the REUNION TREASURY.

8. Small Bibles shall be given to all graduates from high school and college

9. A COMPLETE list of all donations of any kind shall be read to the reunion on the day of the reunion.

10. Free will donations shall not affect the regulated charges of the reunion.

11. The last Saturday in July is the designated day for the reunion, and should remain so. Under certain conditions one week earlier or one week later will be permitted.

12. Each committee should be kept up to date on any new development on reunion plans, let's keep the lines of communication open at all times.

13. All suggestions should be put in writing and submitted to the committee in charge on the day of the REUNION. (A suggestion box will be provided)

14. In cases where money is involved, in order to vote, a person must be self-supporting and children are not allowed to vote.

15. Senior Citizens and the handicapped are to be SERVED FIRST by a committee of young adults chosen at the last meeting before the family reunion.

16. All committees shall choose a clean-up committee to function on the day of the reunion.

17. ONLY DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES are PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES WHERE THE REUNION IS BEING HELD.

18. In securing a place for the reunion to be held, for health reasons, modern, sanitary and separate restroom facilities are a MUST.

19. A $5.00 late fee will be charged for all late reservations.

20. All reservations money shall be sent to one place.

21. All persons attending the reunion MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES of the facility.

22. Anything that is donated to the reunion and not used must be offered back to the person who donated it without charge.

THESE BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY ALL COMMITTEES AND SHALL NOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT THE COMMITTEES APPROVAL

THANKS TO ALL COMMITTEE PERSONS WHO WORKED SO DILIGENTLY TO MAKE THIS FAMILY REUNION SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS

HOST: Charles Young, Jr HOSTESS: Mellie Burton

Kresses Holloway Originator

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mellie Burton	-	Chairperson
Kresses Holloway	-	Co-Chairperson
Sadie C Martin	-	Secretary
Charles Holloway		
Phillip Nichols	-	Treasurers

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Annie Mable Wilson
Arnell Reed
Melvie Mines
Kresses Holloway
Roger White

FOOD PREPARATION COMMITTEE

Angela Young
Mary Freda Holloway
Dorothy Holloway

TOUR COMMITTEE

Bobby Martin
Darrell Irby
Milton Williams

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Stephanie McNeil
Candace Gooden
Matthew Holloway